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PART IV

Acts of Gujarat Legislature and Ordinances promulgated and Regulations
made by the Governor.

The following Act of the Gujarat Legislature, having been assented to by the Governor on the 9th April, 2025 is hereby published for general information.

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Secretary to the Government of Gujarat,
Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Department.

GUJARAT ACT NO. 11 OF 2025.

(First published, after having received the assent of the Governor, in the “Gujarat Government Gazette”, on the 9th April, 2025).

AN ACT

further to amend the Gujarat Fisheries Act, 2003.

It is hereby enacted in the Seventy-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Gujarat Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 2025.
(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, appoint.
2. In the Gujarat Fisheries Act, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”), in section 2, after clause (a), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely: -

Short title and
commencement.

Amendment of
section 2 of
Guj. 8 of 2003.

Guj. 8 of
2003.

- (aa) “Aquaculture” means culturing / farming of fish, shrimp, prawn and seaweed, under controlled conditions in ponds, pens and enclosures, in fresh, saline or brackish water and such other activity, as declared by the State Government, by notification in the *Official Gazette*;
- (ab) “Aquaculture Business” means production / manufacture/ rendering, dealership / distribution, sale of aquaculture inputs, aquaculture equipment and aquaculture services, aquaculture harvest, aquaculture post-harvest operations and all other related activities;
- (ac) “Aquaculture Business Operations” means all the operations / activities undertaken for carrying out Aquaculture business;
- (ad) “Aquaculture Equipment” means devices, equipments, implements, tools etc. including accessories like aerators, air blowers, automatic feeders etc.;
- (ae) “Aquaculture Farm” means any place with water holding facility to do aquaculture;
- (af) “Aquaculture Farmers” means the person/firm/company undertaking aquaculture;
- (ag) “Aquaculture Harvest Operations” means the activities undertaken to harvest aquaculture produce;
- (ah) “Aquaculture inputs” means seed, feed, feed supplements, aqua chemicals, aqua products, medicines, all other materials that are used directly or in combination with others for doing aquaculture;
- (ai) “Aquaculture post-harvest operations” means any activity undertaken from harvest till it is sold to consumer including weighment, addition of ice, transport, pre-processing, processing, value addition, packaging, preservation, storage, cold chain, trade, marketing, export and all such activities;
- (aj) “Authority” means the Gujarat State Fisheries Harbour and Aquaculture Development Authority established under the chapter VI of this Act;

Amendment of
heading of
Chapter VI of
Guj. 8 of 2003.

3. In the principal Act, in the heading of Chapter VI, for the words “FISHERIES TERMINAL AUTHORITY”, the words “GUJARAT STATE FISHERIES HARBOUR AND AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY” shall be substituted.

Substitution of
section 24 of
Guj. 8 of 2003.

4. In the principal Act, for section 24, the following section shall be substituted, namely: -

**Constitution
and
composition of
Gujarat State
Fisheries
Harbour and
Aquaculture
Development
Authority.**

“24. (1) The State Government may, by order, constitute the Gujarat State Fisheries Harbour and Aquaculture Development Authority for such area as may be specified in the order to develop, maintain, manage and administer the fisheries harbour, fish landing jetties including any wharf, pier, dock and other landing place and their adjoining areas set apart by the Authority for repair yards, fuel and ice supply installation auction hall, fish processing plants, godowns and fish markets and to develop and administer the aquaculture and aquaculture business operations in the State of Gujarat excluding the environmental and other related aspects of aquaculture which were taken under the control of Coastal Aquaculture Authority as per the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act, 2005 and as amended from time to time.

- (2) The Authority shall consist of the following members who shall be appointed by the State Government, namely :-

24 of 2005.

(i)	Cabinet Minister dealing with Fisheries Department, Government of Gujarat	Chairman
(ii)	Minister of State dealing with Fisheries Department, Government of Gujarat	Vice-chairman
(iii)	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, Revenue Department, Government of Gujarat	Member
(iv)	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary (Irrigation and Water Supply), Narmada, Water Resources, Water Supply and Kalpasar Department, Government of Gujarat	Member
(v)	Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary (Fisheries), Agriculture, Farmers Welfare and Co-operation Department, Government of Gujarat	Member
(vi)	Secretary (Expenditure), Finance Department, Government of Gujarat	Member
(vii)	the Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman, Gujarat Maritime Board	Member
(viii)	the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of the Forest Force (PCCF and HoFF), Gandhinagar	Member
(ix)	the Principal Commissioner of Custom, Ahmedabad	Member
(x)	the Development Commissioner, Gandhinagar	Member
(xi)	the Managing Director, Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited	Member
(xii)	Convener and Chairman of State Level Banker's Committee	Member
(xiii)	the Managing Director, Gujarat Water Supply and Sewage Board	Member
(xiv)	the Commissioner of Food and Drug Control Administration (FDCA), Gandhinagar	Member
(xv)	the Vice-Chancellor, Kamdhenu University	Member
(xvi)	the Managing Director, Gujarat Fisheries Central Co-operative Association Ltd	Member
(xvii)	State Head of National Co-operative Development Corporation, Gandhinagar	Member
(xviii)	Representative of Marine Product Export Development Agency, Gujarat	Member
(xix)	Representative of Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA)	Member
(xx)	Representative of Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA)	Member
(xxi)	Representative of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)	Member
(xxii)	Representative of Export Inspection Agency (EIA), Gujarat	Member

- (xxiii) Three members from sea food export associations, Member
shrimps farmers and boat owners nominated by the
Government
- (xxiv) Commissioner / Director of Fisheries, Gandhinagar. Member -
Secretary

- (3) (a) The State Government may constitute committees and sub-committees as may be necessary for the efficient discharge of duties and performance of the Authority under this Act;
- (b) The Authority shall have the power to co-opt as members of any committee appointed under clause (a) such other number of person who are not member of the Authority, as it may think fit;
- (c) The provisions of this Chapter shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the other provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder;
- (d) This Act shall be in conformity with the existing central Acts and in case of any contraventions, the existing central Acts shall prevail over this Act.”.

Substitution of
section 25 of
Guj. 8 of 2003.

- 5. In the principal Act, for section 25, the following section shall be substituted, namely:
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**Powers and
functions of
Authority.**

- “25.** (1) The Authority shall have the following powers, namely: -
- (a) initiate and conduct surveys and studies to ascertain the potential and problems in aquaculture of the State;
 - (b) order to bring any service related to aquaculture and harbour under its jurisdiction by means of framing guidelines;
 - (c) take up Research and Development Programmes, if need arises;
 - (d) to promote training and conduct skill development / HRD programmes;
 - (e) to collect market data on seafood exports and interpret it for the benefit of aqua farmers;
 - (f) to inspect and audit any farm / hatchery / feed manufacturing unit / any other aquaculture or aquaculture business unit for compliance to the quality standards;
 - (g) to enter and inspect physical facilities, raw materials, finished products, records of all aquaculture production, processing and distribution and sales units;
 - (h) impose fines and penalties to any aquaculture production, processing and distribution and sales units in case of violations of the provisions of the Act;
 - (i) constitute committee or sub committees as and when required for carrying out the functions of the authority in an effective manner;
 - (j) any other powers as per the rules made under this Act.
- (2) The Authority shall perform the following functions, namely: -
- (a) to develop, regulate and control the fisheries harbour terminals;
 - (b) to acquire land and purchase of equipment and machinery for fisheries harbour terminals;

- (c) to provide safety measures for arrival and departure of the vessels and shore installations within the fisheries harbour terminals;
- (d) to arrange quick and hygienic handling and disposal of fish within the fisheries harbour terminals;
- (e) to keep the fisheries harbour area clean and free from pollution;
- (f) to develop aquaculture in the State of Gujarat, with a view to increasing production, productivity, sustainability and profitability and to attract investments to promote aquaculture-based establishments and industries;
- (g) to promote, monitor and regulate the production, distribution and sales of all aquaculture inputs like seed, feed, feed supplements, aqua chemicals, aqua products, medicines, equipment and implements etc. ensuring compliance with standards, policies, and environmental safeguards;
- (h) to monitor, control and surveillance of diseases in aquaculture;
- (i) in the event of crisis, the authority may take up and intervene into any activity in aquaculture sector to protect the interests of the sector in due consultations with the stakeholders;
- (j) to achieve financial sustainability of the Authority;
- (k) to render market intelligence service to aqua farmers;
- (l) to promote transfer of technology in collaboration with national and international institutions;
- (m) to manage, conserve, and develop, aquatic resources, and the aquaculture industry;
- (n) to certify and promote all aquaculture inputs like seed, feed, feed ingredients, feed supplements, aqua chemicals, aqua products, medicines, implements, equipment, IT enabled products/ services, aquaculture produce / seafood/ value added products /aquaculture ancillary services;
- (o) to assist in the establishment of aquaculture infrastructure, including hatcheries, feed mills, and processing facilities for value addition;
- (p) to promote scientific research, innovations, and adoption of advanced technologies for sustainable aquaculture development;
- (q) to support aquaculture farmers and entrepreneurs through training, capacity-building, and extension services;
- (r) to advise the State Government on policy matters and legislative frameworks related to aquaculture development;
- (s) to undertake any other activities necessary for the growth, regulation, and sustainability of aquaculture in the State;
- (t) to discharge any other function / activity as per the rules made under this Act;
- (u) to perform such other functions as may be entrusted by State Government;
- (v) to do such other functions as are necessary for efficient discharge of functions of the Authority.”.

Substitution of
section 26 of
Guj. 8 of 2003.

6. In the principal Act, for section 26, the following section shall be substituted, namely: -

Amount to
be charged
for providing
services.

- “26. (1) The Authority may charge such amount as may be fixed by the State Government from time to time, for providing services at the fishing harbour and for aquaculture.
- (2) The Authority shall establish and maintain its organizational structure, including the appointment of its Chairperson and members, as may be determined by the State Government.
- (3) The Authority shall oversee its financial management, including the preparation of budgets, allocation of funds, and supervision of payments, as may be determined by the State Government.”.
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